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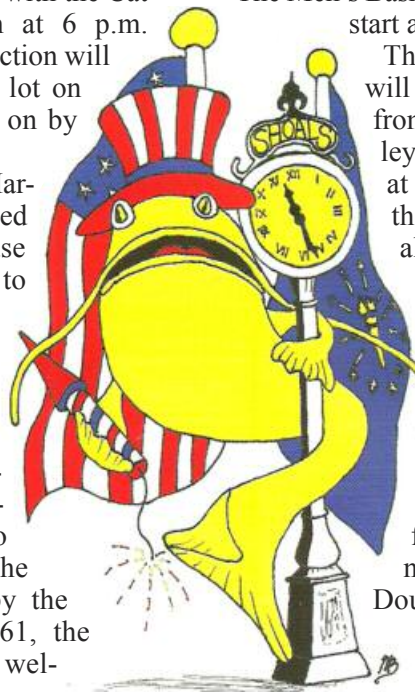
## Catfish Festival celebrating its 26th year

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The 26th Annual Shoals Catfish Festival will begin this Thursday, June 30 with the business decorating contest sponsored by the Shoals Business Association starting at 2 p.m. Kids and Chalk on Sidewalk sponsored by Tri-Kappa along with the Catfish Auction will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday evening. The auction will be held in the Jones Oil lot on Hwy. 50 and will be put on by Akles Auction Service.

On Friday, July 1, the Martin County Museum located in the former courthouse will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Catfish Fishing Contest will be held on the bridge in Shoals from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The softball tournament will begin at the Shoals Ballpark at 6 p.m. and Opening Ceremonies will also begin at this time with the Posting of the Colors by the American Legion Post 61, the Pledge of Allegiance, a welcome by Catfish Chairman Dan Steiner, and a performance by the MarCo Singers on the stage in front of the courthouse.

The Little Miss, Pre-Teen, Junior Miss, Little Firecrackers, and Catfish Queen contests will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night on the main stage. The Martin County Idol



*"Catfish Around The Clock"*

Contest will start at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 2, the Catfish Fishing Contest will take place on the bridge from 7 a.m. to noon. The 5K Catfish Walk will begin at the ballpark at 7:30 a.m. with the run starting at 8 a.m. Both are sponsored by Propane Direct, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center and Dr. Donald Kerr. The Men's Basketball Tournament will also start at 8 a.m. at the ballpark.

The Martin County Museum will again be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Volleyball Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. at the ballpark and the Motorcycle Show will also begin at this time at the American Legion Post 61 sponsored by the American Legion Riders Post 61. The Catfish Motorcycle Ride also held at the American Legion will begin at 1 p.m. along with Texas Hold 'em. Sign ups for the poker game begins at noon. The Horseshoe Pitch-Doubles Only will take place on the boat landing at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by Sons of American Legion of Shoals. The Catfish Cooking Contest will be held on the east side of the post office beginning at 3 p.m.

The Battle of the Bands will be held on the stage in front of the courthouse beginning at 6 p.m. Bands competing include (See 'CATFISH' on page two)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Catfish Queen Contest will be held Friday night, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. on the main stage. The contestants are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Haley Wade, Audra Deckard, and Sasha Mains. In the back row, from left to right, are Mackenzie Jones, Tia Sanders, Sabrina Rossi, and Katlyn Sanders. Not pictured is Briana Wagler.

## Kinder: City council to reconsider helping with lot paving

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Redevelopment Commission was faced with the decision Tuesday night, June 28 whether to put in funds to help pay for the parking lot at the former Elementary East, currently housing STIMULUS Engineering.

Asked for \$5,000, the commission spent some time questioning Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder and Tim Wagler and Cary Albright from STIMULUS. Tim Kinder explained that the Martin County Alliance had pledged \$5,000 and the Loogootee City Council had denied giving

\$15,000 to the project at their last meeting. According to Kinder however, after recent discussions the council is now reconsidering that decision and it will be brought back to the table at their July meeting. The Loogootee School Board, although disappointed in the city council's decision, has agreed to pay for the remainder of the \$55,000 needed.

Kinder pointed out, using data put together by Crane Commanding Officer Captain Charles LaSota that a majority of Crane

employees come from Monroe, Lawrence and Greene counties. "To get them on this side of the base is a nominal feat and we really need to put our best foot forward and making sure they have a good experience,"

***"To get them on this side of the base is a nominal feat and we really need to put our best foot forward in making sure they have a good experience," -Tim Kinder, MC Alliance on trainees coming to Loogootee***

Kinder said. He told the commission that the visitors not having a good experience in Loogootee diminishes their probability of returning.

He said the parking lot will help reach this goal noting that the people attending training at STIMULUS are business people in

suits and they don't need to be walking long distances. He said that the influx of people will add to the local economy.

Commission member Dan Gregory explained that the money could come from the Westgate Principal and Interest Fund which is funded by EDIT dollars to the tune of \$70,000 a year to pay the Westgate bond payment of \$40,900. Gregory said that since the fund was overcapitalized, the money should probably come from there to which he made a motion to that effect to give the \$5,000 to the project.

Commission member John Winger made the second. (See 'PAVING' on page three)

## Commissioners discuss budget, health insurance, pay raises

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Auditor Nancy Steiner told the Martin County Commissioners Tuesday night, June 28 that the fund used to pay employee health insurance for the remainder of the year will not have enough. Steiner said that \$152,473.05 is still remaining to be paid which makes the county more than \$71,000 short. She said an additional appropriation will need to be made or other means to pay for the shortfall. Commissioner Paul George said he felt this was a county council issue because he didn't think they could find that much money in the commissioners' budget. County council member Warren

Albright, in the audience, said that the issue was supposed to be taken care of a long time ago. The commissioner then discussed the fact that there is EDIT and Rainy Day money that could be used for that purpose and they thought it has already been decided last year to do so. They suggested Steiner get with the county council at their next meeting to work that out.

Steiner moved on to 2012 budgets starting with the courthouse. She explained that she put in a one percent raise for the auditor's office while other departments did five percent. The commissioners asked Albright in the audience if the county council typically gives raises at the same percentage across the board - treating all the employees

the same. Albright said that in his opinion, if a five percent raise was given by the council and a certain department asked for less then they would get less because they didn't ask for more. He added that he is not saying anyone will or will not get a raise but this is how he sees it. "I can't see that there's a lot of money for raises anyhow but if there was it would be better in my mind if they asked for five," he said. Steiner said that the county council told her in the past that all offices get the same percentage increases regardless. Commissioner Gregory told Steiner to change the raise to five percent anyway.

On the commissioners' budget all three board members decided to not put in for any

kind of raise for themselves. "We're not doing it for the money," said Commissioner Gregory.

The commissioners discussed the increase in the park board's payment last year with Albright. So far this year, they have spent \$900. Albright said the purpose of giving them more money was for them to increase their presence in the parks of Martin County. He said as far as he knows, nothing new has been done to date. The commissioners decided to change the park board's allocation to \$1,000. The computers line item was increased from \$500 to \$1,000 and attorney fees were moved from \$2,600 to \$3,000. Most requests from out-

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# CATFISH

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“Amber Lamps”, “Kross”, “Washington and Out”, “That 1 Band”, “Blind Rebel”, and “Voo Doo”.

On Sunday, July 3 the Catfish Bicycle Ride, sponsored by acornridgeoutdoors.com, will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Shoals Post Office. The museum will again be open from noon to 4 p.m. and Corn Hole Tournament, sponsored by the American Legion Riders, will begin at noon on the lawn of the museum with the Washer Tournament immediately following. The Bunkum Valley Boys’ Band will perform on the museum lawn at 1 p.m. The Baby Contest for ages zero to 12 months will begin at Shoals Christian Church Resource Center on Sunday at 2 p.m. and ages 13 to 24 months will begin at 3 p.m. The Egg Toss Contest, sponsored by Edward Jones Investments, will also begin at 3 p.m. in front of the post office.

Steve Jeffris will be in concert at the Shoals United Methodist Church on Sunday at 4 p.m. with kids’ games in front of the post office beginning at 4:30 p.m. A Gospel Sing featuring Judith Montgomery will start at the Shoals Christian Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday night. Loogootee grad Jackson Young will perform on the main stage from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Monday, July 4 breakfast burritos will be served in front of the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The burritos will be prepared and served by Psi Otes. Wacky the Clown will entertain on Main Street beginning at 10 a.m. and the Catfish Festival Parade, with grand marshals Jim and Jane Marshall, will start at 10:30 a.m.

The Biggest Catfish Contest awards will be held in front of White River Outfitters starting at 2 p.m. Weigh-in for the contest is at the store from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the fish will be on display until the awards presentation. The Catfish Gutter Races will be held at the same location beginning at 2:30



Loogootee’s own Jackson Young will come back to Martin County once again to perform at the Catfish Festival on Sunday night at the main stage from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

p.m. Both are sponsored by White River Outfitters.

The Martin County Hillbilly “Shoot Out” Reunion, sponsored by Akles Auction Service, will be held in front of the courthouse Monday night at 6:30 p.m. To finish out the festivities the Great Catfish Festival Fireworks Display will begin at 10 p.m.

Throughout the festival a flea market will be held on Main Street. Also, antique tractors, cars, and antique hit-and-miss one-lung engines, sponsored by Mike Akles and Don Jones, will be on display during the festival next to Hwy. 50 and Main Street at the caution light. A catfish stand, provided by Shoals Lions Club, will be open throughout the weekend also. A ham and bean dinner will be held at the Shoals Senior Center on Friday, July 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and pork barbecue will be served on Monday, July 4 after the parade at St. Mary’s Parish Hall. Other food stands will also be available along with local restaurants.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for the Catfish Junior Miss competition are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Ashley Phillips and Stephanie Craft. In the back row, from left to right, are Julie Dorsey and Amanda Grafton. In the very back is last year’s Catfish Junior Miss Alyssa Fithian.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for the Catfish Little Miss Competition are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Macy Wyman, Leila Sango, Ausley Braun, Mya Miller, Emma Hert, Cheaney Archer, and Morgan Ballis. In the back row, from left to right, are Destiny Lilly, Taylor Ball, Summer Fromme, Syndell Watson, Ariana Spurgeon, Ashlyn Troutman, Chloe Qualkenbush, and Cassidy Witt. Not pictured are Sari Armstrong and Abigail Sorrells.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for the Catfish Pre-Teen Competition are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Brooklyn Dobson, Hope Self, Aryonna Braun, Josie Sipes, Bethany Lents, and Ivory Jackson. In the back row, from left to right, are Faith Abel, Zetta Gore, Sara Craft, Calli Winger, Madelyn Gaines, Olivia Wells, Amber Fields, Alissa Hernandez, and Hallee Davis. Not pictured are Makayla Cundiff and Amelia Cooper.

## Martin County Youth Soccer Sign-Ups

Thursday June 30th, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
or Saturday July 2nd, noon to 3 p.m.  
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# PAVING

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Before a final vote, Commission member Paul George questioned Albright and Wabler about what was going on in the former Swift building in Shoals that STIMULUS leases from the county. Albright explained that the kind of work done in that building is slow coming out of Crane. He said that it takes some time to convince the government to use this area of southern Indiana. "Location hasn't been the easiest thing to sell," he said adding that they are working on it.

Commission member Warren Albright said that he and Gregory had visited the building and had met employees and felt good about what was taking place there. He said he felt the \$5,000 was a small price to pay for the parking lot to see how big the growing goes.

Going back to the Loogootee building, Albright said that as many as 200 people training in that facility will not be Crane employees. He said it's the goal to have em-

ployees who work in other fields to use their training facility in the Midwest – as a middle point for those on the east or west coasts. He added that there are workers driving down from Indianapolis and one up from Evansville opening up the possibility of permanent residency in Martin County.

Commission member George asked fellow member Randy Winger what he thought on giving the money. "I expected more out of out here east of town," he said stating that the county was promised around 24 jobs. He said that over two years ago it was a big rush to get the lease done, and the local jobs are still not here. Albright from STIMULUS replied that he understood where Winger was coming from and that they were trying.

"That doesn't change what the voters think of us," said Winger. "We went out on a limb and were promised all these new jobs for local people – didn't happen." He went on to say, "if that would have went half as well as promised, I wouldn't bat an

eye at this."

"Hell, I'd probably give you \$50,000" said George adding that if the promises had come through completely.

Warren Albright said that he understands that two years is a long time in a politician's eyes but not so much in the business world. He said he knows these things take time. He added that he is sure STIMULUS would like to have 24 plus employees doing the work too.

When asked about the 50 jobs previously announced that were to be brought to the new building in Loogootee, Albright said that most of those are not the responsibility of STIMULUS to hire. He said that instructors will be assigned by Crane and STIMULUS is not sure about the employees they will be responsible for just yet.

After the discussion ended, Randy Winger and Paul George voted against giving the \$5,000 but the motion passed with Dan Gregory, John Winger and Warren Albright voting in favor.

# COMMISSIONERS

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side entities were put in as submitted and most line items remained the same as last year.

It was decided that the insurance and health savings account funds would be decided at a later date when more was known on what kind of funding the county would get.

The county council will hold budget hearings in August to go over each department's budget and reduce where they see fit.

Steiner then presented the commissioners with information on state-offered health insurance. If interested, a survey must be completed by July 8. The commissioners motioned to have her go ahead and complete the survey.

Commissioner George said that at one time it was discussed doing away with

county-offered health insurance and paying each employee a dollar amount instead and they would then be required to buy their own policies. He said the way this was figured back then, it would save the county a few hundred thousand dollars.

Matt Sward with SIDC held a public hearing for the second round grant application for the fire station in Lost River Township. According to the Sward, the total cost of the project is \$556,000 with the grant being \$500,000 and the remainder being a local match by the county through township general funds, the township Rainy Day Fund, community foundation funds, and an in-kind donation of the land.

Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown explained to the commissioners that due to the constant flooding around the current fire station, there is a need to move it

to a more central location within the township. She said after the storm last Sunday, they were not able to even make it to the station. "Had we had a call, we couldn't have made it to the fire station to respond," she said. She said that is the main problem, but other problems include no restrooms in the station and problems with getting the trucks in and out. Dale Brown, volunteer fire fighter and first responder added that the current fire station is a converted hog house and despite improvements made over the years, the township is in need of a new fire station to serve the 600 citizens of the township. He also added that it is harder and harder to get new fire fighters to volunteer due to the condition of the station and having to go off location for training facilities.

Commissioner Dan Gregory agreed with everything said by the Browns noting that for recruitment reasons, a decent facility is needed especially since the fire fighters are volunteers. "We are 100 percent behind this," he said speaking on behalf of himself and fellow commissioners. "Give it the best shot you've got."

No citizen comments were made and the public hearing was closed. The grant application is due in September.

Clerk Julie Fithian presented the commissioners with a Doxpop contract that would allow that company to collect traffic ticket payments online for the county. She said that currently, anyone who wants to pay their traffic ticket must come into the courthouse and pay with cash or mail in a money order – the courthouse does not accept credit cards or personal checks. She said that Doxpop would update the court records and her office would only have to write paid on the envelope and put it away. This would cost the ticket payer 30 percent extra to pay online but would cost the county nothing. The commissioners agreed to enter into the contract.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams presented his cash flow statement for the commissioners to sign off on so he could submit it to the state.

He also reported that due to the recent storms a few culverts in the county were washed out along with the deck of a bridge in Rutherford Township on Bledsoe Lane. He said this is the fourth time the bridge deck has done this. His department is in the process of replacing it with a steel floor and he said the understructure is still in good shape. He is hoping to have it done soon as two families have been unable to get in and out of their residences with the bridge being closed.

# OBITUARY

THOMAS DOYLE

Thomas G. Doyle passed away Friday morning, June 24, 2011 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 56. He was born in Washington on September 30, 1954; son of the late Glen and Mary Jo (Arvin) Doyle. He married Lisa Shoultz on April 18, 1980 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bramble.



THOMAS DOYLE

Thomas was a pipefitter for Local #136, Evansville; a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A graduate of Loogootee High School, he also attended Vincennes University.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Doyle of Loogootee; one daughter, Revecca Doyle Rush of Otwell; one son, Anthony (Kathaleen) Doyle of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Alexis Rush, Brooklyn Rose and Zakkery Wyldo Doyle; and one sister, Julie Tow of Carlisle.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Jodie Marie Doyle on February 4, 2000.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, June 28 at St. Martin's Catholic Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## Summer classes and programs at the Martin County Learning Center

NEW! Resume and Cover Letter Basics - This is a basic course designed to help applicants with their resume and cover letter for the private sector or government contractor positions. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 14 and the cost is \$25. This course is being offered by Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register.

USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the Federal government's official website and provides access to more than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and ad-

vice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on July 12 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up.

Adult Literacy and Education - Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information.

For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881.

Contact - Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email [kkerr8@ivytech.edu](mailto:kkerr8@ivytech.edu)

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Humane Society PETS OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has 10 nice looking puppies that need a good, loving home. They are eight-week-old Shepherd/Border Collie/Husky mix, one female and nine males. Check out the humane society's website at [www.martincountyhumane-society.org](http://www.martincountyhumane-society.org). The humane society is collecting items for our annual yard sale. If you have some nice items that you would like to donate call Don at 812-296-0952 or any other member. If you would like to see an animal shelter built in Martin County, send your donations to: Martin County Humane Society, P.O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana, 47581.

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## Tuesday, June 21

7:30 a.m. - Received a call regarding neglect of an animal.

9:50 a.m. - Received a call regarding a speeding vehicle.

10:31 a.m. - Received several calls reporting a tree down with power and phone lines entangled, on U.S. 50, east of Shoals School.

1:30 p.m. - Received several calls reporting an accident on U.S. 50, at the intersection of Lynwood Street in Shoals.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of two juvenile boys in a boat on the river in Shoals, without life jackets.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless, speeding driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbing call from a caller that advised they were with Dish Network.

4:44 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Arvin Lane.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee, near the grain bins.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on North Line Street in Loogootee.

9:13 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in Loogootee for an extended time.

11:45 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee.

## Wednesday, June 22

10:44 a.m. - Received a request to check on a vehicle that had been parked in a business parking lot east of Loogootee for an extended time.

2:12 p.m. - A male caller advised of a controlled burn on Bear Hill Road.

2:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Dr. Kerr's office. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:13 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree almost on the roadway.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on Harper Hill Road.

7:44 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee.

8:38 p.m. - Received a call regarding a subject failing to return home from work.

## Thursday, June 23

7:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on U.S. 231 in Daviess County. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:05 a.m. - Received a call regarding a

boat left at a business property in Shoals.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty in Shoals.

11:55 a.m. - Received a call regarding a neighbor's dog.

12:56 a.m. - Received a report of power failure on Peggy Hollow Road.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:54 p.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute.

5:38 p.m. - Received a call regarding possible cruelty to animals.

7:29 p.m. - Received a call regarding a possible break-in at a residence.

8:12 p.m. - Received a call regarding a stranded motorist on U.S. 150 at Mill Road.

10:08 p.m. - Received a call regarding a domestic dispute and battery.

11:03 p.m. - Received a call from juveniles who had been walking and lost their way home.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from the 4-H grounds.

## Friday, June 24

8:46 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that struck a turkey on U.S. 231, at the north end of Loogootee City limits.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an officer and an ambulance regarding a suicidal subject in Loogootee.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock at Ruler in Loogootee.

11:34 a.m. - The Martin County Ambulance responded to West Boggs Park. No transport was necessary.

3:34 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of an animal in the roadway on U.S. 231, just south of Mt. Pleasant Road.

4:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Beard Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:27 p.m. - A female caller reported threats made against her, her family, and pets.

5:32 p.m. - A male caller requested a vehicle inspection.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, northbound from Dubois County.

7:29 p.m. - Received a call regarding a snake at a residence.

8:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the 4-H fairgrounds. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:55 p.m. - A male caller advised that a neighbor's dog attacked his dog.

10:44 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 150.

10:45 p.m. - Received a complaint of possible prowlers at a residence in Shoals.

## Saturday, June 25

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Crane Village.

1:35 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in front of a residence and subjects in a field.

1:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:25 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, near the water tower, south of Loogootee.

3:30 a.m. - Received a request for a wel-

fare check on a subject in Loogootee.

4:12 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

5:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:47 a.m. - Received a call regarding a domestic dispute on Weisbach Road.

1:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Trinity Springs area. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Bowling Trailer Court in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:15 p.m. - Received a call regarding a possible telephone scam in the area.

7:00 p.m. - Received a call regarding a wounded deer on County Farm Road.

7:26 p.m. - Received a call regarding a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, near Truelove Church Road.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject that may be staying in his car in the Hindostan area.

8:07 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire on Poplar Street in Shoals.

9:09 p.m. - Received a call regarding erratic drivers in Rutherford Township.

9:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire in Burns City.

10:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. The subject was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

## Sunday, June 26

2:45 a.m. - Received a report the S.R. 450 is under water at the two-mile marker.

3:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on U.S. 150, just west of Prospect.

3:38 a.m. - Received a report of a fire at a trailer in Loogootee.

4:02 a.m. - Received a report of a car in water on St. Mary's Road.

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of water over the roadway on Weisbach Road.

5:25 a.m. - Received a report of damage to a vehicle, caused by debris on the roadway on S.R. 450.

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of a trailer, large toolbox, and a car in floodwater on S.R. 450.

5:41 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on power lines on Rama Dye Road.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of water over the roadway on Boat Club Road.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Fred Messmer**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Melanie Hughes**, of Owen County, Indiana and **Bradley M. Messmer**, of Dubois County, Indiana. Tract I: the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Except a strip of land containing 5 acres, more or less. Tract II: the southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 4 acres.

**Scott M. Reid**, of Fort Branch, Indiana to **Alecia M. Lyon**, of Loogootee, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in Belair Village, in the city of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Dale E. Brown and Mildred C. Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana to **George Michael Archer and Marsha Renee Archer**, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the south half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 4 acres, more or less.

**Richard L. Arvin**, of Martin County to

7:48 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway, just inside the entrance of Martin State Forest.

8:06 a.m. - Received a report the bridge on Bledsoe Lane was washed out.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of water on the roadway on Davis School Road.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Goodwill Cemetery Road.

4:55 p.m. - Received a call regarding water over the roadway on Sherfick School Road.

7:10 p.m. - Received a call regarding someone digging dirt out of a resident's yard in Shoals.

8:30 p.m. - A female called regarding problems with a grandson.

8:45 p.m. - A male caller advised of a loud explosion and smoke in the area of Panhandle Road.

10:27 p.m. - Received a call regarding a battery occurring in Loogootee.

10:58 p.m. - A male caller advised of vandalism to rental property he owns.

11:10 p.m. - A female caller requested a welfare check on her father who was walking in the Shoals area.

## Monday, June 27

12:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on U.S. 150, approximately two miles outside of Shoals.

2:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in the Burns City area. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in the roadway in the Martin State Forest.

4:52 p.m. - Received a call regarding a stray dog in Shoals.

5:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle on Brooks Bridge Road.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of a low hanging tree on U.S. 150.

6:54 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in the area of Wildman Road, Love Cemetery Road, and Crane Road for erratic driving by four wheelers and trucks.

8:55 p.m. - A male caller advised that a neighbor's dog had caused damage to his property and when he went to speak to the neighbor about tying the dog up, the neighbor threatened him.

11:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane Village.

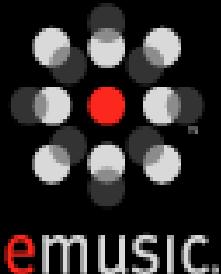
## Tuesday, June 28

1:09 a.m. - Received an alarm at a business in Shoals.

**Mark E. and Mary E. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 in Block "G" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Lot Number 7A in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Robert L. Freeman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger D. Strange and Maria P. Strange**, of Hamilton County, Indiana, all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying south and east of the county road and all the north half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying south and east of the county road and all of the south half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, all in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 31 acres, more or less, in Martin County, Indiana.

**Jack L. Sutton**, of Suwannee County, Florida to **Robert L. Freeman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.



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# Loogootee Police log

## Monday, June 20

7: 13 a.m. - Received a call from Martin County Health Care of a fire alarm going off. The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched. Everything checked ok.

11:34 a.m. - A male came on station requesting to talk to an officer. Chief Rayhill talked with him.

1:42 p.m. - A male called in to talk with an officer. Chief Rayhill was on station and talked with subject. CPS was contacted.

2:25 p.m. - Male subject on station to report harassment. Chief Rayhill spoke with the man.

2:57 p.m. - Caller on Bloomfield Road reported a car with two people in it pulled up to his mailbox but when they saw him on the porch they took off. The vehicle was a black cavalier with a dent in the passenger door. Chief Rayhill was investigating officer.

5:59 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported an accident near Subway and DQ. Loogootee Fire was dispatched and Capt. Akles was investigating officer.

8:30 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders at Wendy's for lifting assistance.

6:26 p.m. - Male caller reported a domestic dispute at his residence. He requested an officer. Capt. Akles talked with the subject.

## Tuesday, June 21

9:50 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a black Monte Carlo traveling north on U.S. 231 driving recklessly and making bad passes. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver checked ok and did admit he was going over the speed limit.

4:08 p.m. - Eric Brittain called to report a property damage accident at the intersection of U.S. 231 and U.S. 50. The driver of the other vehicle was Dianne Padgett. Sgt. Hennette worked the accident.

6:13 p.m. - Female called in for an ambulance on SW First Street for a 41-year-old male having chest pains. Martin County was contacted for an ambulance.

8:25 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders at Indiana Avenue for a 50-year old male having chest pains.

8:57 p.m. - Daviess County reported a reckless driver of a white pick up truck southbound on U.S. 231 coming from the north into Loogootee. Sgt. Hennette assisted ISP Trooper Sexton with the transport of two juveniles to the Loogootee Police Department and released to parents.

9:29 p.m. - Report of a suspicious vehicle parked at the food pantry. Sgt. Hennette was busy at the time. Martin County Deputy checked it out and everything checked ok.

## Wednesday, June 22

8:59 a.m. - Received a call From Washington Police Department requesting assistance in serving a warrant. Chief Rayhill went to the residence on SE First Street and arrested James D. Ervin Sr. and met with a Daviess County unit to transport him to Daviess County Security Center.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of a panic alarm at Redwing Trailer Court. Everything checked ok. The alarm was set off by smoke in the trailer.

11:26 a.m. - Caller reported trash burning in Shaded Estates. Chief Rayhill arrived and located an illegal burn. The fire was put out.

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported barking dogs on North Line Street.

7:25 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported her child had been bitten by a dog. A bite report was completed.

## Thursday, June 23

5:31 a.m. - Caller requested a security check on her neighbor's residence.

10:23 a.m. - Caller on Southgate Street reported an unwanted guest was in their residence. Victim refused to fill out a statement.

7:32 p.m. - Caller reported hay on fire on Hwy 645. Loogootee Fire was dispatched and was on the scene for about 30 minutes.

7:53 p.m. - Caller reported an unlicensed driver.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

8:08 p.m. - Caller reported her son was causing a disturbance near East Broadway Street. Officer Greene responded.

9:33 p.m. - Caller reported a fight near Legion Avenue. Officer Greene arrived and learned this was a verbal dispute only.

10:54 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up near the Loogootee High School.

## Friday, June 24

Unknown time - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a male with a weapon threatening to shoot himself. Officer arrived at 511 East Broadway Street and found a male identified as Thomas G. Doyle, 56, deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Loogootee Police were assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Martin County Ambulance Service and the Martin County Coroner's Office.

10:19 a.m. - Caller reported dogs on North Line Street possibly not being taken care of.

11:06 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on South Kentucky Avenue. An ISP unit was able to respond.

## Saturday, June 25

1:38 a.m. - Caller reported underage drinking on East Broadway Street.

3:30 a.m. - Caller reported her daughter might have been beaten up. Officers arrived and could not locate the alleged victim.

11:59 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a large pipe in the road on US 231.

2:36 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on West Washington Street. Captain Akles responded to the area.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported receiving harassing text messages.

4:22 p.m. - An employee at The Bargain Shop reported a theft of a paint gun. Captain Akles arrived and filed a case report.

6:36 p.m. - Caller reported a four-wheeler on the street. Officer Todd spoke with the operator.

7:31 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

11:25 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog in Redwing Trailer Court.

## Sunday, June 26

2:44 a.m. - Caller reported high water on Broadway Street.

3:10 a.m. - Caller reported high water near Lincoln Avenue.

3:33 a.m. - Caller reported high water on Elm Street.

3:36 p.m. - Caller reported a structure fire at 318 Lincoln Avenue. Loogootee Fire was dispatched. Fire units were on the scene for about an hour.

3:53 a.m. - Caller reported a large rock in the road near Chuckles.

5:33 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male walking near SW 2nd Street. Captain Akles responded.

9:30 p.m. - Ruth Tow, of Loogootee, reported someone had stolen a doghouse from her property. Sgt. Hennette responded.

10:10 p.m. - Joseph Campbell, of Loogootee, reported damage to his vehicle. Sgt. Hennette investigated.

Any drug and criminal tips may be sent to loogooteepd@hotmail.com.

# Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### June 16

Jerrad L. VanMeter, intimidation, a Class D Felony.

#### June 17

Ashley R. Tow, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### June 21

James T. Epperson, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jacob R. Fox, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony.

Charles W. Clifton, criminal recklessness, a Class C Felony; attempted murder, a Class A Felony.

Timothy W. Witt, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; residential entry, a Class D Felony.

#### June 23

Laura E. Belcher, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony.

James D. Hunt, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

#### June 15

John W. Hodges, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### June 20

Jessica D. Howard, illegal consumption of alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### June 15

Old National Bank vs. Michael R. Strange and Carole B. Strange, civil collection.

Lawrence and Judy Wildman vs. Mark Taylor and Max Grooms, civil plenary.

#### June 16

Thomas R. Flynn vs. Tristan Hamblin and Kevin Boyd d/b/a KRB Trash Disposal, civil tort.

#### June 17

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Julie Ball, civil collection.

## June 20

Crop Production Services vs. Matthew L. Haulk d/b/a Haulk Grain Farms, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Jeffery T. Brookshire, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### June 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff RAB Performance and against the defendant Stephen T. Jenkins in the amount of \$28,799.65.

### June 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff German American Bancorp and against the defendants the unknown heirs of Alice Kane, et al for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$29,415.67.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### June 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Schlomer Enterprises, Inc. and against the defendant Jeramey Osborne in the amount of \$2,854.95.

### June 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Procol, Inc. and against the defendant Kenneth Braun in the amount of \$635.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Propane Direct and against the defendant Larry Koons in the amount of \$678.08.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### June 21

Propane Direct vs. Brandon Prince, complaint, dismissed.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

### June 15 - June 21

Deandra Kuzemka, Loogootee, speeding 38 in a 25, \$119.

Richard O'Connor, Loogootee, no valid operator's license, \$119.

Chad Pund, Ferdinand, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

John Ryan, Montgomery, speeding 54 in a 35, \$124.

Paul Spalla, Seymour, driving left of center, \$119.

Dennis Wagler, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Dhanyavikh Wongsuwan, West Lafayette, speeding 45 in a 25, \$124.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### June 28

Bradley Mark Otero of Shoals and Courtney Lynn Royston of Shoals.

# Martin County jail bookings

## Tuesday, June 21

12:30 p.m. - Joseph Potts, 20, of Indianapolis, was arrested and charged with theft.

9:23 p.m. - Michael Kane, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and neglect of a dependent.

## Friday, June 24

9:28 p.m. - Russell Quakenbush, 39, of Bloomfield, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated.

10:51 p.m. - John F. Kidwell, 38 of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police after a routine traffic stop. Kidwell was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

## Saturday, June 25

12:45 a.m. - Cameron Craney, 21, of Montgomery, was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

# Accident reports

## Saturday, June 25

5:57 p.m. - Jordan T. Brown, of Loogootee, was operating a moped and exiting the Chuckles parking lot attempting to travel west. At this time, Russell N. Seymour, of Loogootee, was exiting the IGA parking lot. Both vehicles collided in the inside westbound lane. No injuries were reported. Officer Todd investigated.

## Sunday, June 26

12:02 a.m. - Frederick Smeltzer, 44, of Crane, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

10:33 p.m. - Loogootee Police arrested Derek F. Mattingly, 22, of Loogootee. Mattingly was charged with battery resulting in serious bodily injury and public intoxication and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Sgt. Hennette was the arresting officer.

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## State reports strong mid-year economic development results

At the midway point in the year, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation announced that it has worked with 123 companies that have made decisions to expand or establish new business operations in Indiana for a total of more than 11,000 projected new jobs. This compares with 200 decisions by companies to locate a projected 23,000 new jobs in the state, announced at year-end last year.

The new positions, which companies expect to hire over the next five years, pay an expected average hourly wage of \$22.88, above the state's current hourly wage of \$18.71. Since January, the more than 120 companies anticipate investing \$1.76 billion in their Indiana operations in the coming years. Meanwhile, the average amount of state performance-based tax incentives offered to companies on a per job basis is \$8,622, below the 2010 year-end amount of \$9,981.

Last Thursday, the IEDC announced that Fronius USA, LLC, the fourth-largest solar inverter producer in the world, is the 1,000th new business establishment or expansion the agency has completed since its inception in 2005. Since Fronius' relocation was finalized, the state has completed an additional 125 competitive projects for a total of 1,125 transactions with growing companies. Nearly two-thirds of all projects involve expansions of existing Indiana businesses.

Business consolidations from Illinois have been a trend this year with 12 companies so far planning to move all or a portion of their operations to Indiana. Many of those companies are still completing final transition plans and will be announced in the coming months but a few companies to recently announce moves to the Hoosier State include Berry Plastics, NetShape Technologies and American College of Education.

"Indiana continues to be noticed for its low-tax, fiscally sound environment and with our corporate tax rate on its way down, we are further distinguished from neighboring states and global competitors as a location that is welcoming to new business investment," said Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The IEDC's mid-year update adds to some recent good news about Indiana's economy. According to a report released this month by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Indiana's Gross Domestic Product grew at a rate of 4.6 percent in 2010, the third fastest growth in the nation and more than 50 percent faster than the national average. Earlier this month, Indiana's employment outlook for the third quarter of 2011 was rated third best in the nation by ManpowerGroup.

Indiana has also been recognized as a top location for business by business leaders and site selection consultants in two recent surveys. In May, Chief Executive magazine ranked Indiana the best place to do business in the Midwest and the sixth best nationwide, up from 16th place in 2010, in its seventh annual "Best & Worst States" survey. Also in May, Area Development magazine awarded the Indiana Economic Development Corporation with a 2011 Gold Shovel award, the publication's top honor for economic development efforts.

About IEDC

Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Mitch Roob serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. For more information about IEDC, visit [www.iedc.in.gov](http://www.iedc.in.gov).

## DWD implements drug screening policy for Hoosiers entering training programs

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is implementing mandatory drug testing for Hoosiers who receive training paid for through WorkOne. The policy was approved by the State Workforce Investment Council (SWIC), which oversees WorkOne operations throughout the state. The policy covers all training programs funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and will take effect July 1, 2011.

"Indiana is the first state in the nation to drug test individuals who receive training paid for with taxpayer funded Workforce Investment Act dollars," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "This is just common sense; employers routinely screen out applicants due to failed drug tests. In this time of scarce resources, it is irresponsible to train someone for a job they can't get because they use illegal drugs."

Individuals who test positive for controlled substances will be unable to participate in WIA funded training for three

months.

Participants who pass a subsequent drug screening will be reinstated to the program. A second positive test will result in a one year waiting period.

All individuals who test positive for controlled substances will be referred to substance abuse counseling.

Approximately 9,000 Hoosiers throughout the state are enrolled in WIA training programs earning a certificate or degree at a college or trade school.

This policy is consistent with federal law. The drug screening services will be paid for using federal Workforce Investment Act funds provided to the state for administration of training programs.

The drug screening applies only to applicants for third party training programs under WIA. It does not apply to unemployment insurance benefits, Adult Basic Education, Trade Act benefits or regular WorkOne services such as counseling and resume writing.

## Another company relocates to Indiana

Berry Plastics Corporation announced last week that Evansville, home of the company's world headquarters, has been chosen as the site for 120 customer service, finance and general administration positions over the next three years. The positions are a result of continuing company growth as well as the consolidation of office locations in Rolling Meadows, Illinois and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Berry Plastics, which employs more than 2,250 associates in Indiana and more than 15,000 worldwide, will invest \$600,000 to consolidate its Rolling Meadows customer service department as well as add finance and general and administrative positions from Minnesota at its southwestern Indiana headquarters.

Berry Plastics is the second company in recent days to move operations from Illinois to Indiana. Last week, parts manufacturer NetShape Technologies announced plans to consolidate from Illinois to Southern Indiana, creating more than 60 new jobs and adding \$7.8 million in new investment by 2014.

"Yet again, Berry Plastics is creating more jobs for Hoosiers because of our low-tax, low-cost business environment. The Southwest Indiana workforce and our commitment to keeping taxes and business costs low have made Evansville the ideal place for Berry Plastics," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Last week's Indiana expansion announcement is the company's third in two years. In May, Berry Plastics announced plans to add a \$5 million production line to increase manufacturing capacity at its operations in Odon and in 2009, the company unveiled plans to hire 360 employees and invest \$150 million to expand its thermoform operations and build an additional facility in Evansville which it recently completed. Over the past two years the company has grown its Indiana workforce by nearly 600 employees.

Originally established in 1967 as Imperial Plastics, Berry Plastics has grown into a major manufacturer of plastic packaging including containers, bottles, closures, prescription vials, trash bags, duct tape and other packaging materials. The company plans to begin hiring and relocating the positions in July.

"We are pleased to continue our long-standing commitment with the city of Evansville and our employees to deliver value-added plastic packaging to our customers at the lowest possible cost. The elected officials in the city of Evansville and the state of Indiana are continuing their partnership with Berry to create domestic opportunities which make us globally competitive. This announcement supports our growth,

provides cost synergies, enables us to better serve our customers, and is truly a win-win situation for Berry and for the state of Indiana," said Bill Norman, executive vice president of strategic planning.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Berry Plastics up to \$900,000 in performance-based tax credits and up to \$200,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans.

"The city appreciates Berry Plastics' continued commitment to the Evansville community, and offered local financial assistance and a training grant for Evansville residents to help make this investment in personnel and equipment possible," said Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel. "This exciting project builds upon the successes our strategic, collaborative approach to economic development and job creation has yielded in recent years."

Berry Plastics' announcement to expand in Evansville adds to the recent good news about Indiana's economy. According to a report released this month by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Indiana's Gross Domestic Product grew at a rate of 4.6 percent in 2010, the third fastest growth in the nation and more than 50 percent faster than the national average. Last week, Indiana's employment outlook for the third quarter of 2011 was rated third best in the nation by ManpowerGroup.

About Berry Plastics

Berry Plastics is a leading manufacturer and marketer of plastic packaging products. For the fiscal year ended October 2, 2010 Berry Plastics reported net sales of \$4.3 billion and has over 15,000 employees. Berry is headquartered in Evansville, Indiana and has 75 manufacturing facilities around the world.

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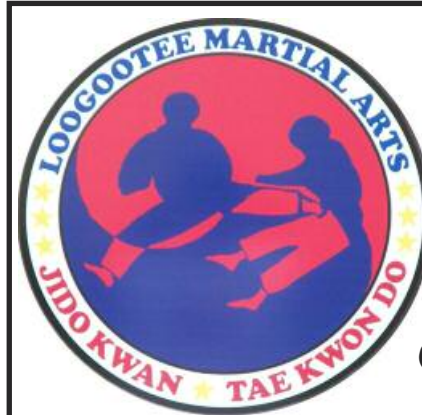
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# The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

## Mark Messmer



Gun laws are now more uniform and simpler to understand

We are lucky that in America we are guaranteed certain rights, including the right to bear arms as stated in the Second Amendment. This year in the General Assembly, we passed two pieces of legislation that will help protect and strengthen those rights in Indiana, and one that made reporting requirements more consistent for all types of firearm purchases.

One of the bills this session adds rifles and shotguns to the current handgun laws, making it illegal for people to give false information or evidence when they purchase a firearm. Previously, those two specific types of guns were not included. If a person is convicted of giving false information when purchasing a gun, they may face up to two to eight years in prison depending on the circumstances.

There were two other pieces of legislation that received a lot of attention this past session.

The first prohibits local governments from making laws that regulate firearms, ammunition or firearm accessories so that all laws regarding guns are uniform across the state. The legislation also allows individuals to file an action against any local government that attempts to enact policies if they feel the policy has hurt them. Our intention was to make it less confusing when Hoosiers or people traveling through Indiana are transporting a firearm between different cities and towns.

The second piece that prompted many discussions is legislation that allows a person to carry a handgun without being licensed under certain specifications. Transporting a handgun will now be allowed if they own the property or vehicle they are in, or are given consent by the person who owns the property or the vehicle they are in. A handgun will also be allowed on a shooting range if an individual is taking an instructional course or if they are using it to legally hunting.

To be legal, a person that is transporting a handgun without a license must have it unloaded and have it in a case, locked out of reach of the person transporting it, such as locked in the trunk of your vehicle.

One exception to the rule is if a person has been convicted of domestic battery they may not carry a handgun unless their right

to is restored by a court.

I have heard several misconceptions that this law allows you to carry a handgun anywhere, but that is not true. This legislation will only make it simpler to transport your gun to and from a gun range or on your property or vehicle without breaking the law.

These laws all go into effect on July 1 and I believe will allow us to better protect ourselves and ensure there is less confusion about handgun laws across the state. If you have any questions about these laws please contact my office at 1-800-382-9841 or H63@in.gov.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Just lovely

-Photo by Lori Mattingly

This photo was taken at the end of Truelove Church Road in Martin County last Friday morning after a very large storm rolled through the area most of the night.

## Martin County approved for federal public assistance

Governor Mitch Daniels has received word that President Barack Obama has approved 32 counties for federal public assistance for damage sustained by severe weather that began April 19.

### Public Assistance

The following counties were approved for public assistance: Benton, Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington.

Public assistance means state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in the designated counties are eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

All counties in the State of Indiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and shorten the time necessary for communities and individuals to recover from disasters large and small.

Individuals interested in pursuing HMGP projects in their community should contact their county emergency management agency, county commissioners or city board members.

Contact your local emergency management agency or local executive branch of government for more information about hazard mitigation grants.

### Individual Assistance

The Federal Emergency Management

Agency is reviewing the request for 11 counties for individual assistance and will make a determination at a later date. Those counties are Decatur, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Lawrence, Monroe, Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh and Vigo.

Individual Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, vehicles, counseling, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

For questions, contact your county emergency management agency. Local agency's contact information is available by accessing: [www.in.gov/dhs/files/sanitized\\_compact\\_directory.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/sanitized_compact_directory.pdf).

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# Online reserved-hunt applications available July 1

Hunters may apply for a reserved hunt online by visiting [www.IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov](http://www.IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov) and clicking on the "Register for a Reserved Hunt" link, beginning July 1. The online method is the only way to apply.

All applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the hunt for which they apply. All applications must be completed by the application deadline to be eligible for the drawing. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing. All drawing results will be posted at [www.wildlife.IN.gov](http://www.wildlife.IN.gov) within a week after application deadlines.

•Dove Hunt Draw  
Online application must be completed by July 31

•Military/Refuge Firearm and Archery Deer Hunt Draw

Online application must be completed by August 28. Hunts on Military/Refuge properties may be cancelled at any time.

•State Park Deer Reduction Hunts  
Online application must be completed by August 28

•Youth Firearm Deer Hunt at Muscatuck National Wildlife Refuge

Online application must be completed by August 28

•Pheasant Hunt Draw  
Online application must be completed by October 2. Adults should not apply for the November 25 hunt. November 25 is reserved for youth (17 and younger) only.

Applications for waterfowl draw hunts begin in late August. Pheasant put-and-take and state park goose will be available in September.

For more information on military/refuge hunt opportunities, call (812) 334-3795 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on weekdays.

More information is available in the Hunting & Trapping Guide online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5834.htm>.

## New Outdoor Indiana magazine features record fish program

Outdoor Indiana magazine's July-August issue lends credence to some of those fish tales your neighbors may be telling.

A feature article and color photos document the state's record fish program; the record-setters, their stories and techniques; and the 37 fish species for which state records have been established.

There's also an eight-page removable and collectable insert on Harmonie State Park, which continues a series in which one state park or reservoir property is featured per issue. The series runs through 2016, the 100th anniversary of Indiana state parks.

Another highlight is the cover article that previews September's annual Indiana Seaplane Fly-In at Pokagon State Park.

This issue of Outdoor Indiana is available now at most DNR properties and most Barnes & Noble Stores in Indiana for \$3 a copy. If you love the outdoors, you'll love Outdoor Indiana magazine's subscription rate of \$12 a year for six issues. To subscribe, go to [OutdoorIndiana.org](http://OutdoorIndiana.org) or call (317) 233-3046.

Joining Outdoor Indiana on facebook is free, <http://facebook.com/OutdoorIndiana>.



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## Donation

The Route 50 Cruisers Car Club recently donated \$500 to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park from money they raised in 2010. Shown above, from left to right, are Char Sandel, Rowena Trip and Robert Boyd with the Mustering Elm Park accepting a check from Mary Fields along with Bo Wilson, Jim Stoughton, Mark Fields and Ed Mattingly from the Route 50 Cruisers.

## Get more trees for Indiana by voting online

Hoosiers can vote online to get more trees for Indiana state parks and reservoir properties through the Odwalla Plant a Tree Program.

Just go to [stateparks.IN.gov/2923.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2923.htm) and click on "Help Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs Plant Trees" or go to [www.odwalla.com/plantatree](http://www.odwalla.com/plantatree), to vote.

Each vote results in \$1 being donated by Good Solutions Group, which runs the Odwalla program, to Indiana for planting trees. Only one vote per person is allowed. Persons who have already voted and still want to see more trees planted should encourage friends to vote.

The program is in its second year in Indiana and its fourth year nationwide. It already has been responsible for the planting of more than 160,000 trees around the country.

Once the program closes and each state has its final dollar amounts, each state can begin to use the funds, which must be used to purchase trees. Each state decides the type of tree it wants. GSG pays the appropriate amount to each state based on votes.

"Indiana received 3,400 votes in 2010, and we spent our \$3,400 on trees to replace those killed by the emerald ash borer in the campground at Salamonie Lake," said Ginger Murphy, assistant director for stewardship of DNR State Parks & Reservoirs.

Salamonie lost about one-third of its campground shade trees to the invasive EAB insect.

"We're glad that Odwalla provides this program," Murphy said. "We'd love to see

that amount doubled or even tripled in 2011."

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## Want to be a Member of the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park?



The Mustering Elm Park is the site where the 65th Indiana Regiment was mustered into the Civil War in 1861 under a huge elm tree. The Park was created as a memorial to this group and is located 1/2 mile east of Trinity Springs. There are still active springs and you can see the foundation for the in-ground pool. Pictures and information are available at [www.musteringelpark.com](http://www.musteringelpark.com).

The park area, including the springs and swimming pool were cleared of decades of trees and under growth and partially restored by a dedicated group of local citizens and historical preservationists. Thanks to their physical & financial sacrifice, this historical site is now a public park enjoyed by many. Money is constantly needed to keep the park maintained. Help keep the park going!

### Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Membership Application

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# Memorial Hospital celebrating 60 years of "being for others"

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center and the Sisters of Little Company of Mary will celebrate 60 years of service to residents of Dubois and surrounding counties on Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m., EDT. The public is invited to attend the Liturgy of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church, located at 1029 Kundek Street in Jasper. Rev. Ray Brenner will be the principle celebrant. Concelebrants include Rev. John Boeglin, Rev. Gary Kaiser, and Rev. Tim Tenbarge, along with Rt. Rev. Lambert Reilly, OSB, former Archabbot of St. Meinrad Archabbey, who will give the homily, and Most Rev. Charles Thompson, Bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, who will address the audience at the end of Mass.

A reception will be held in the Parish Center immediately following the Mass. The hospital's 60th anniversary commemorative book will be available (free of charge) which includes stories from the past sixty years that were submitted by former patients and members of the public, along with current/former employees, physicians, and volunteers.

Known worldwide for their outstanding hospital facilities, the Sisters of Little Company of Mary were chosen to staff, operate and maintain Memorial Hospital prior to its opening on July 11, 1951 and continue to sponsor this Catholic hospital today. As a 133-bed, regional health center with nearly 90 active staff physicians and 1,400 employees, Memorial Hospital provides care for 8,000 inpatients, 1,000 newborns, and

225,000 outpatients on an annual basis. Medical offices are located in Jasper, Huntingtonburg, Ferdinand, Holland, Dale, Santa Claus, French Lick, Shoals, Loogootee, Petersburg, and Washington.

During the past 60 years, the hospital experienced tremendous growth with major expansion projects in the early 1970s, mid 1980s, and early 1990s.

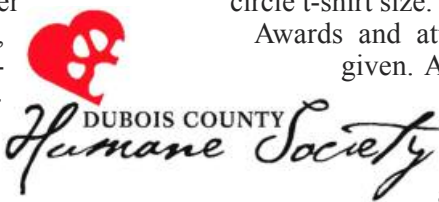
In 2002, ground-breaking occurred for the largest expansion project to date – the 187,000-square-foot LCM Tower, which opened in 2005. Today, with nearly 500,000 square feet of space, the hospital provides a full range of acute medical services including interventional cardiology in the Phillip R. Dawkins Heart & Vascular Center and medical and radiation oncology at the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center. Post-acute care is provided by the staffs of Rehab Services, Skilled Caring Center, Inpatient Rehab Center, Memorial Home Care, and Family Palliative Care.

National and state recognition for Memorial Hospital in recent years includes the Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals® Award; Select Practice National Quality Award; "Five-Star Hospital" designation; Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence®, HomeCare Elite award, and Indiana EMT Provider of the Year Award.

For more information about the 60th anniversary celebration or the commemorative book, please contact Rita Howell, Director of Community Relations, at 481-2323 or rhowell@mhhcc.org.

## Dubois Humane Society to sponsor run/walk

The Dubois County Humane Society in Jasper, Indiana is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk "5K to Save K9s" on Saturday, August 13, at the Jasper Youth Sports Complex, starting at 8 a.m.; registration starts at 7 a.m. Registration is \$15 if pre-registered by August 1; \$20 after August 1 and up to race day. T-shirts will be given the day of the run/walk to all pre-registered runners/walkers.



ceive a shirt based upon availability. Ages 6 and under can run/walk for free, but if purchasing a t-shirt, please include \$10 and circle t-shirt size.

Awards and attendance prizes will be given. A two-mile non-competitive walk will be a part of this event. Details and registration forms available at various businesses, at the Pet Adoption Center, 426 Wernsing Road in Jasper, www.duboiscountyhumane.org or www.runwalkjog.com. Questions? Email lochmaka@yahoo.com.

## Southern Indiana Soil Health & Productivity Workshop

The Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Dubois, Perry, Pike, and Spencer Districts, will hold a Soil Health & Productivity Workshop at the Ferdinand Community Center on July 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Speakers for the day will include Ray Archuleta, NRCS; Hans Kok, IN Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative; Barry Fisher, NRCS State Agronomist; Ken Eck, Dubois CES; and Paul Giles, Spencer County Farmer.

Topics will be Understanding Soil Function, Why Soil Quality Is Important to Farmers, Information on New Category 14

Licensing, Managing Carbon to Nitrogen Ratios, Respiration and Other Demonstrations, Soil Compaction and Practical Cover Crop Integration. PARP, CCH and CAA credit will be available. A catered meal and snacks will be provided. The workshop is partially funding be a Clean Water Indiana Grant awarded to the five counties.

Checks for the ten-dollar registration fee should be made out to the Lincoln Hills RC & D and mailed to the Perry County SWCD, 125 South 8th Street, Cannelton, IN 47520. Deadline for registration is July 1. For more information, please call the Martin County SWCD at 295-3149.

# Calendar of Events

### Fish Fry

The Martin County Fire and Rescue will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, July 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, July 9 from noon to 8 p.m. during the county 4-H fair. Everyone is invited to come and eat in the air-conditioned fire station at the fairgrounds before and during the fair festivities.

### Senior center ham and bean dinner

The public is invited to the 26th Annual Catfish Festival Ham and Bean Dinner at the Shoals Senior Center on Friday, July 1. Bean dinners will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the senior center located next to the county museum. There will also be craft items and baked goods for sale as well as a quilt giveaway.

### Soccer sign-ups

Martin County Youth Soccer sign-ups will be held Thursday, June 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 2 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Loogootee Municipal Building. Any child age 5 by August 1 and no older than 13 by August 1 is eligible. For more information, call 812-295-2989.

### Animal Control Commission

The Martin County Animal Control Commission will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. in the city council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The meeting is open to the public.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

### Youth football meetings

Martin County Youth Football League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Pizza Junction at 7 p.m. Questions, call Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

### Recovery support group

The Overcomers Recovery Support Group meets every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center.

### Martin County ABATE meetings

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana will meet Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in Loogootee Family Restaurant.

### Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours for the district are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

### Talk to a lawyer – for free

The next scheduled Talk To A Lawyer telephone clinic is Thursday, July 7 from 4:30 p.m. (DST) until 7 p.m. (DST). The first Thursday of every month, volunteer lawyers are available during this time to answer general legal questions and to give general legal advice, free of charge. To contact one of the volunteers during the clinic hours, the telephone number is: (812) 618-4845 or toll free (888) 594-3449. This clinic is open to anyone with a legal question, as long as the question is one involving Indiana law. Talk To A Lawyer clinic is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation. The clinic has been in operation since 2002 and since its inception, has donated thousands of volunteer hours and answered thousands of legal questions involving Indiana law from people all over Indiana as well as other states.

## 4-H Dream Team meets

BY ROSS ADAMS  
4-H Dream Team Club Secretary

The Dream Team 4-H club met at the Loogootee City Park on June 23. There were 16 members and three leaders present.

Brayden Sutton did a demonstration on Lego Star Wars, Kayden Sutton did a demonstration on Lego Star Wars, Max Christmas did a demonstration on Legos, and Sheldon Christmas did a demonstration on an Erector Set. The kids did a craft showing what they could do to help with the fair. They played a water relay game.

The next meeting will be on June 30 at 7 p.m., at the park. The leaders will sign record books.

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# New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY CANELL  
Pastor's wife

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Luke 12:31, Matthew 6:33

"But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you." Luke 12:31.

Start changing your priorities, your way of thinking; trust in the Lord for all your needs. Jesus says God knows you need certain things in life. God will provide for your needs so stop worrying about these things, change your priorities and change the things you focus on so that God can work. This doesn't mean to not be a good steward of your time, your money and even in using your mind to do what we need to do. 2 Thessalonians 3:10, "For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order; if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either."

Deuteronomy 4:29 says, "But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul." One of the two types of people who need to seek the

Lord is the person who has never known Jesus Christ as their personal savior. This person knows who Jesus is but has never had that intimate love relationship with Him. This person doesn't understand the depth of the love of God for them nor has the knowledge of the power of the Holy Spirit working in their life in a mighty and awesome way. This person needs to understand the gospel of grace, love, and peace; they need to truly seek the Lord and all that His kingdom is about.

The second person is the person who is a believer but is still not there, not at the place of following Jesus totally. None of us are!! The reason is we have our focus in the wrong place. We are focused on food, clothing and all the material things of the world. We use God when we need him.

Seek, focus differently, stop seeking the things here, seek the things above, live your life for the Kingdom and all the others will be added. You can take whatever God gives if you're seeking His Kingdom with all your heart, seeking Christ's honor, exaltation, His glory, seek to proclaim Christ as Lord and

Savior and King and the ruler, submit to His will, His word and His authority. He says today is the day, now is the acceptable time of salvation, now is the time that we can seek the Lord and find him. The promise is that if you seek Him you will find Him. The Holy Spirit has been given to those who believe, so that we don't need someone else to seek Him for us. Seek Him in your work, in your family, in your friends, pursue what God is doing and join Him.

Prioritize. God knows you need your basic needs taken care of. He says 'I know but the priority is not those things it is seeking the kingdom of God first and His righteousness.' The most important thing is to know we are all sinners in need of a Savior. A Savior who died for us, who took our place in the punishment of our sins on the cross, who died for us so, we could have eternal life. Even more than that, so we could have the Spirit of God in us to live an abundant life. A life filled with purpose. To live for God.

If we understand that God is not a reluctant giver when we seek Him first, God is a

giver. He gave us the greatest gift we could ever have. He gave His son Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus gave us a gift of eternal life. He gave us the keys to the Kingdom, forgiveness. He gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us along the way. He gives us life and life abundantly. If we give your lives completely to Him and receive Him with our whole heart he promises life and life abundantly.

Saturday we had the US Ministry distribution. We helped several families. We are planning our next distribution at a time that will get the kids ready for back to school.

We will need donations still to fulfill the need for the kids. Drop off points are Printing Express and Shear Perfection in Loogootee and at Wabash Valley Transportation in Shoals. Please call Shirley if you have any question at 709-2525.

Our Sunday service is now starting at 10:30 a.m. with Praise and Worship. We have added a Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. for adults if you are interested in joining us. Call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258 if you have any questions.

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~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

**'Do YOU trust him or ANY president to do this?'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Samuel Adams Quote: "If ever a time should come when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin".

Mr Richard Lugar, also known as President Obama's favorite republican, is a co-sponsor of S. 679 The Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act of 2011. "This bill would reduce the number of Presidential appointments that REQUIRE the consent of the Senate and establishes within the Executive Branch a working group on streamlining paperwork for Executive nominations....Many nominees suffer time-consuming inaction or time-consuming and excruciating actions as the Senate either does or does not proceed with the consideration of the nomination."

S. 679 would give the president the SOLE power to appoint people to positions of his or her choosing within our government. Our current president would be free to do this without the approval of the senate. Do YOU trust him or ANY president to do this? Senate approval of such positions is mandated in the U S Constitution in Article II, Section 2 under the Appointment Clause. It is meant to be part of the checks and balances that help keep America apart from other forms of government. The framers of the Constitution did not intend to give the president king-like powers to appoint senior offices by him or herself.

Senator Chuck Schumer (D, NY) introduced S.679 on March 30, 2011 and has been joined by fifteen other Senators who co-sponsor this bill. Our current Senator Richard Lugar is among them. Why would the United States Senate want to give up their Constitutional power to a president to approve nominees to various positions in the government? Basically, Mr Lugar said they are doing this because it takes too much time to fill vacancies.

Americans, if this concerns YOU, please contact Senator Dan Coats as well as Richard Lugar and let them know how YOU feel regarding S.679! Contact info as follows: for Richard Lugar, phone 202-224-4814, email [www.lugar.senate.gov/contact](http://www.lugar.senate.gov/contact). For Dan Coats, phone 202- 224 5623, email: [www.coats.senate.gov/contact](http://www.coats.senate.gov/contact).

**Bath salts are the new drug, really?**

You've heard the expression, "Mom and Dad, lock your medicine cabinet if you've got teens in the house," so that you could avoid easy access of prescription drugs to your kids. Now, however, teens are turning to bath salts to get high - yes, you read correctly, bath salts.

There has been a lot of buzz recently about "bath salts" as the newest over-the-counter item teens are using to get high. "Bath salts" may look innocent, but their effects are powerful and mimic the effects of cocaine and LSD, causing extreme paranoia, delusions, hallucinations and suicidal thoughts, among other symptoms.

Teens are choosing to snort, inject and smoke these powders, which include Mephedrone and Methylenedioxyrovalerone (MDPV) - compounds very similar in structure to Methamphetamine. They are marketed as "bath salts" in order to throw law enforcement and parents off the trail.

These chemicals are sold legally in convenience stores and on the internet as bath salts and even plant food-making them readily available to teens. MDPV and Mephedrone are made in a lab; however, they aren't regulated because they aren't for human consumption.

Bath salt or not, the synthetic powder-also known as Ivory Wave, Red Dove and Vanilla Sky, have been linked to an alarm-

Thank You  
Patricia Jones,  
Loogootee, Indiana

**'Women play a key role in philanthropy.'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Dear Citizens of Martin County:  
Women can play a key role in local philanthropy.

Philanthropy is an effort to improve a community's condition. Charity and philanthropy work hand in hand. Charity feeds the hungry. Philanthropy teaches the hungry how to feed themselves. While charity relieves a condition, philanthropy works to solve the problem.

Women play a key role in philanthropy. In the United States we are in a position of wealth and economic power. Women control more wealth than ever before. As wealth increases, we are becoming more knowledgeable about our own financial resources and responsibilities.

Last year, women controlled more than half of the personal wealth in the United States. All evidence points to increased influence and additional wealth in the near future.

Today women are familiar with financial matters; solicited directly from charities for donations (and comfortable making gifting decisions for the money they share with their husbands, even if the husband earns a majority of it); feeling they do not need permission to give and increasingly learning the benefits and rewards of leveraging time, talent, and resources of their interests.

Women outlive men by an average of seven years, and 85 to 90 percent of women are left in charge of financial affairs. All money that is not bequeathed in a will ends up as a donation to the United States government (75 percent of Americans do not have a will).

Women's influence in philanthropy will continue to grow as the twenty-first century unfolds. I urge everyone, especially women, to prepare a will and consider the causes that are dear to you. A good financial advisor can help with this.

Thank you,  
Sincerely  
Melanie Padgett,  
Interning Assistant,  
Martin County Community Foundation

ing number of ER visits across the state and the nation. At least 25 states have received calls about exposure. Louisiana leads with the greatest number of cases at 165, followed by Florida with 38 calls to its poison center so far in 2011.

Know that traditional bath salts that contain sodium chloride (sea salt) or magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt) is not what users are looking for; so if that is in your home, you're safe. Also know that this past session, we passed legislation banning the distribution of K2 or Spice, but the list also included MDPV and mephedrone products.

But what's it going to be tomorrow? Melting light bulbs?

Whenever we cut off supply of a particular substance, young people, through their own creativity, have found new ways to get high.

Banning another drug won't be enough to protect our kids unless we look at the underlying causes of our teens' substance abuse. When addressing drug accessibility and use, it is important to take supply and demand into account, but we frequently focus too much on supply alone.

We all know that attempts to simply shut down the world's sources of drugs are not as successful as we would hope. Instead, we need to start focusing more on the demand, and examine the reasons so many individuals turn to drugs in the first place.



My Point of  
**VIEW**

By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

For a long time I have thought it would be awesome to be in public service; to serve on the county council, the board of commissioners, etc. I just constantly want to find ways to help and to improve anything I can - make life better however possible for us all. While I was recently appointed to the animal control commission by the Martin County Commissioners, I don't have to make any "big" decisions - just have to analyze current laws and come up with ideas to take back to that board - they have to ultimately make the big decisions.

Recently, I have watched elected official after elected official in the county have to make decisions - somewhat big decisions for our little area. The commissioners had to decide which ambulance contract to accept and what to do about the animal control ordinance, both times faced with a room filled with upset faces. The Loogootee City Council had to decide whether to put money toward the paving of the former East parking lot and the Loogootee Board of Public Works had to decide whether to get rid of the city police dispatcher program. The Loogootee School Board went through the Coach Wagoner upheaval and the Shoals School Board had to decide whether to let teachers go to save money. Last night, our county's redevelopment commission had to take their turn deciding whether to put money into the parking lot at the former East building.

I tell you, I've attended hundreds of meetings over the past 13 years while I have been in journalism. I don't envy these leaders at all - especially in those meetings where people are present who feel strongly on each side - obviously someone, a voter, is going to walk away mad.

When Josh and I lived in Brown County we were tucked away in our house back in the woods, miles away from "Little Nashville" as I have heard it referred to. This was on purpose. Living there for all the years I did, after growing up in Loogootee, the whole tourist thing took its toll and never felt quite right. I worked at the newspaper in Brown County and our office was located right on the main strip. For years I had to battle my way to my job through the throngs of tourists. Luckily though, I could turn on that gravel road each day to go home and know that I was far away from that madness. Our neighbors were weekenders from Indianapolis - used their cabin as a vacation home. We received notice in the mail one day that they had decided to petition the Brown County Zoning Board to turn that cabin into a tourist home. Naturally, being the country bumpkins we were, we were opposed to this. Though there were not many houses on our road, we all knew each other and some of our neighbors were more like family. We all gathered together and attended the planning board meeting to show our opposition. Even though this was

six or seven years ago, I can still remember watching that planning board have to decide between what we wanted and what our neighbor (who didn't show up) and the local realtor representing them wanted. They had a lawyer present and were used to getting these tourist homes passed. To make a long story short, we got the majority vote from the zoning board because we kept showing up to meeting after meeting and presenting facts and showing that we really cared about this issue. They must have tabled that decision four or five times - I can't remember now.

I have watched the elected officials and/or leaders of Martin County month after month for years now. I know which ones hate confrontation, which ones seem to wish they were somewhere else, and which ones seem to genuinely care about this county. These are all just my opinions of course. I have the elected officials that I know I can call at any time and get answers and the ones I know I couldn't get a straight answer out of even if I asked what color the sky was. Sometimes it's keyboard gripping to be impartial or neutral when reporting - I'm only human. My husband knows when I get home from a meeting whether I have an opinion about what went on. Most recently he started attending meetings with me because I got him so engrossed in what goes on in our county. It's nice to have someone to reveal my personal feelings to who knows what is going on. When I used to come in the house after a meeting and say "You'll never believe what happened," he knew to turn off the Xbox.

The one thing I have realized with most of our county leaders is that you can't argue with facts or from-the-heart feelings. A majority of our elected officials do not respond well to an angry, attacking resident - calmer heads prevail. And there is most certainly strength in numbers and strength in persistence. And, one thing I have heard time and time again from our county leaders is that people don't get involved in things until it is the 11th hour. I have seen a subject come up at meeting after meeting for months with constant discussion. Then when the council or board finally decides to make a decision on their own an angry mob shows up wanting to know why that elected body was "hiding" things or "trying to sneak one through." It's so hard to keep my mouth shut. But, I have also witnessed certain elected officials bring up an issue that in my eyes is huge and it came out of left field with that board ready to act.

I guess we all just need to pay attention and let those people we elected know how we feel as often as we can - the good things and the bad things. Sometimes I can tell that they would give anything to have the public's opinion before they make a big decision, but unfortunately they usually don't hear a word until after.

THANK YOU

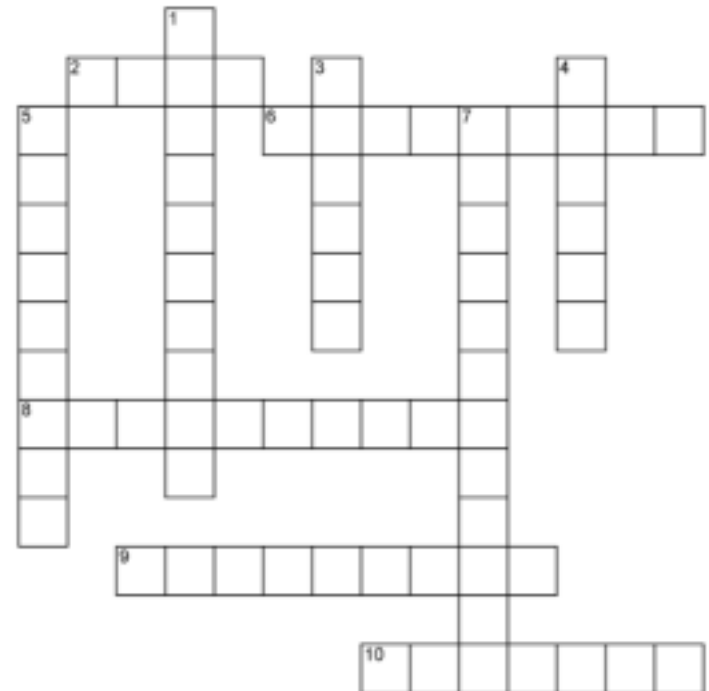
My Mommy's Garden & Greenhouse wants to say Thank You to everyone that came to check us out, that purchased vegetable plants and flowers and that told others about us. We hope to see you in the fall and look forward to providing plants and flowers again next spring.

Thanks again,  
Dennis and Linda Dillon



Fourth of July

Crossword Puzzle



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ACROSS

- 2 The 50 stars version of the American \_\_\_\_\_ was adopted on July 4th, 1960.
- 6 The Fourth of July is considered a very \_\_\_\_\_ holiday.
- 8 During the American \_\_\_\_\_, the colonies wanted to separate from Great Britain.
- 9 John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both signed the Declaration of Independence and also became \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.
- 10 Independence is a word that also means \_\_\_\_\_.

DOWN

- 1 George \_\_\_\_\_ was the first president of the United States of America.
- 3 The Star-Spangled \_\_\_\_\_ is the national anthem of the United States.
- 4 Independence Day is a holiday celebrated in the United \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 It is fun to see the 4th of July parades and watch the \_\_\_\_\_ in the night sky.
- 7 The Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_ was adopted on July 4, 1776.

WORD BANK: Banner, fireworks, flag, freedom, independence, patriotic, president, revolution, states, washington.

Unscramble the 4th of July words

- jluy
- irowkrfe
- lkessprar
- erd
- twieh
- bule
- luod
- eiacmra
- turofh
- peenciedndne
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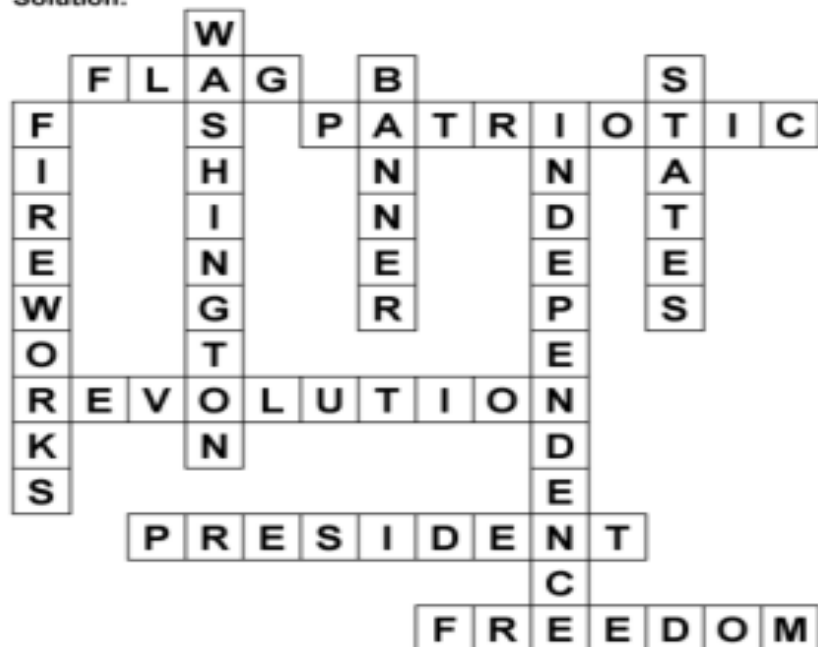
Fourth of July Word Search

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution:



- AMERICA
- BARBECUE
- BELL
- BLUE
- FIREWORKS
- FLAG
- FOURTH
- JULY
- LIBERTY
- RED
- SAM
- STARS
- STATES
- STRIPES
- UNCLE
- UNITED
- WATERMELON
- WHITE